

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

June 4, 1980

PRESENT

Sidney Goldmann, Chairman
Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Andrew Axtell, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, General Legal Counsel
Herbert Wolfe, Assistant Executive Director
Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel

The chairman called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law, P. L. 1975, c.231, annual notice of the meetings of the Commission, as amended, has been filed with the Secretary of State's office, and that copies have been posted in the State House Annex, and mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House press corps.

The meeting convened at 10:25 a.m.

1. Executive Session

On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 3-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the executive session minutes of the Commission meeting of May 21, current litigation, enforcement determinations and a personnel matter. Upon conclusion of these matters, the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 3-0.

2. Approval of Minutes of Public Session of Commission Meeting of May 21, 1980.

On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the minutes of the above-cited meeting.

3. Public Indication of Executive Session Action from the Commission Meeting of May 21, 1980

On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission made public its enforcement determinations in the matter set forth in the news release attached to these minutes which were determined by the Commission at its meeting on May 21, 1980.

4. ELEC 1980 and 1981 Fiscal Year Budgets

The executive director reported that the Commission would spend virtually all of its appropriation in Fiscal Year 1980. He indicated that he and Administrative Assistant Helen Letts were monitoring expenditures very carefully as the fiscal year comes to an end and that there would be little, if any, surplus in the Commission accounts at the end of fiscal year. He also indicated

concern over some resolutions in the Joint Appropriations Committee which propose to reduce the Commission appropriation for Fiscal Year 1981. The Commission members discussed this matter.

5. Advisory Opinion Requests

The Commission reviewed drafts of advisory opinions and approved them with changes for the following advisory opinion requests:

- 0-19-80, Lester J. Mantell, Treasurer, CIPACE-re soliciting contributions for City Investing Political Action Committee.
- 0-20-80, Daniel T. Dineen, General Attorney, United Telephone System-Eastern Group-re solicitation of contributions for New Jersey Telephone Company Political Action Committee.
- 0-22-80, John S. Watson, Freeholder, Mercer County - re which depository to use for booster club ticket proceeds.
- 0-23-80, Philip B. Robinson - Filing obligations re personal expenditures in opposition to candidates for election in Ventnor City.
- 0-24-80, Philip A. Kahn, Esq. - Filing responsibilities of Friends of Donald Cresitello, Inc. (Morristown).
- 0-25-80, Joseph Roselle - re permissibility of putting up sign or poster at personal expense on behalf of candidates or mailing letters on behalf of candidates at personal expense.
- 0-26-80, Philip J. Tilimieri, Jr., Esq. - re information about forming a political action committee and questions about its permissible operations.

6. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director

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